

FAIRFAX WATER DEPT – VT0005117

Consumer Confidence Report – 2014

This report is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided in 2014. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. To learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings which are held:

Selectboard meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month. Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held in the Town Office. Please call in advance (by 3:00 pm of the preceding Wednesday) to be placed on the agenda. Call the Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard at 849-6111 Ext. 16. Please call Randy L DeVine, Water Superintendent regarding questions about this report.

Water Source Information

Your water comes from

Source Name	Source Water Type
WELL	Groundwater

The State of Vermont Water Supply Rule requires Public Community Water Systems to develop a Source Protection Plan. This plan delineates a source protection area for our system and identifies potential and actual sources of contamination. Please contact us if you are interested in reviewing the plan.

Drinking Water Contaminants

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include surface water (streams, lakes) and ground water (wells, springs). As water travels over the land's surface or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals. It also picks up substances resulting from the presence of animals and human activity. Some "contaminants" may be harmful. Others, such as iron and sulfur, are not harmful. Public water systems treat water to remove contaminants, if any are present.

In order to ensure that your water is safe to drink, we test it regularly according to regulations established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Vermont. These regulations limit the amount of various contaminants:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the past year. It also includes the date and results of any contaminants that we detected within the past five years if tested less than once a year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily show that the water poses a health risk.

Terms and abbreviations - In this table you may find terms you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:

Maximum Contamination Level Goal (MCLG): The “Goal” is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG’s allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contamination Level (MCL): The “Maximum Allowed” MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL’s are set as close to the MCLG’s as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of disinfectants in controlling microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. Addition a disinfectant may help control microbial contaminants.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

90th Percentile: Ninety percent of the samples are below the action level. (Nine of ten sites sampled were at or below this level).

Treatment Technique (TT): A process aimed to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): (one penny in ten thousand dollars)

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l): (one penny in ten million dollars)

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L): a measure of radioactivity in water

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): NTU is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): The average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during four consecutive calendar quarters.

Running Annual Average (RAA): The average of 4 consecutive quarters (when on quarterly monitoring); values in table represent the highest RAA for the year.

Detected Contaminants FAIRFAX WATER DEPT

NEW inclusion for 2014 CCRs – Disinfection Residual

To be completed by the water system: Water Systems who chlorinated at any time during the year must report the RAA and range of chlorine residual detections. Values used to determine the RAA and range should be collected from the reported chlorine residual values taken at the time when routine coliform samples were collected (e.g. the RAA for a system which chlorinates and whose monitoring schedule requires one coliform sample per month, will be the average of 12 chlorine residual values; a system whose monitoring schedule requires two coliform sample per month, will be the average of 24 chlorine residual values). This table can be deleted if the water system did not chlorinate at any time during the year.

<u>Disinfection Residual</u>	<u>RAA</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>MRDL</u>	<u>MRDLG</u>	<u>Typical Source</u>
Chlorine	.37	.21/.59	mg/l	4.0	4.0	Water additive to control microbes

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2014				

Chemical Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found							

Radionuclides	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Gross Alpha	03/04/2014	0.401	0.401 - 0.401	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection ByProducts	Monitoring Period	LRAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
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Total Trihalomethanes	2011 to 2014	9	9.4 - 9.4	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
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Lead and Copper	Date	90 th Percentile	95 th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
Copper	2011 to 2013	0.17	0.32	0.056 - 0.47	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	2011 to 2013	3	5	0 - 7	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Violation(s) that occurred during the year

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. The below table lists any drinking water violations we incurred during 2014. A failure to perform required monitoring means we cannot be sure of the quality of our water during that time.

Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year 2014			

Additional information (including steps taken to correct any violations listed above)

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Health information regarding drinking water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants, can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. FAIRFAX WATER DEPT is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Public Notice - Uncorrected Significant Deficiencies: The system is required to inform the public of any significant deficiencies identified during a sanitary survey conducted by the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division that have not yet been corrected. For more information please refer to the schedule for compliance in the system's Operating Permit.

Date Identified	Deficiency	Facility
No Significant Deficiencies		

To be completed by the Water System:

List interim measures, progress to date and any interim measures completed for deficiencies listed above.

Distribution information

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place and distributing copies by hand or mail.

Additional Information

Usage on the water system for the year of 2014 was 12,604,400 gallons, which includes three separate leaks. Each event all was being an owner service line as well as our flushing events. This usage relates to an average of 34,532 gallons a day. This compares to a demand usage in 2013 of 12,516,900 gallons.

Our financial status totally relates to the sale of water and expense for operations. The balance is most challenging while trying to accomplish goals for growth and maintaining reasonable cost to our customers. We are continuing to pursue the newly drilled water source at our present source location. The expected yield from this source will not allow for more allocations, but will provide as a backup water source in an emergency situation, which we presently do not have. Also we are exploring the feasibility of obtaining increased yield from our present water source well. Water Allocations of all present accounts have been secured allowing us to compare to actual usage. This information will help us determine usage vs. allocations vs. well yield. We have contacted the Water Supply Division on this subject of their Table A2-1 allocations. Our findings of low flow fixtures regularly replacing the old standard fixtures in households is becoming the norm, which relates to Table A2-1 not being accurate for usage.

The State of Vermont Water Supply Division conducted a Sanitary Survey Inspection (report card) on our water system, Again we received an acceptable score rating.

Our Water system flushing event will be scaled back to one a year due to the excellent quality of water we have been verifying during these events.

We had NO violations due to unacceptable water quality in 2014 or any other year.

Please contact us with any questions you may have about the Fairfax Water Department and or our water quality.

Visit us online at WWW.Fairfax-vt.gov click on "Utility" to obtain forms or pay your bill online by debit or credit card.

If you notice any suspicious activity related to the water system, please do not hesitate to contact us or any town official immediately.

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